

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1 (Previously Presented). A computer implemented method comprising:  
determining characteristics of a client in order to select a selected probe routine  
from among at least two available probe routines to transfer from the server to the client;  
transferring the selected probe routine from the server to the client; and  
enabling the probe routine to determine the capabilities of the client and to  
provide information back to the server about those client capabilities.

2 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1 including transferring the selected  
probe routine over a wireless network.

3 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1 including transferring the selected  
probe routine over a wired network.

4 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1 including transferring the selected  
probe routine over a telephone network.

5 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1 including transferring the selected  
probe routine over a local area network.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 1 wherein said characteristics include  
classmark information about the client.

8 (Original). The method of claim 7 including using the classmark information to select  
software to transfer from the server to the client.

9 (Currently Amended). An article/product comprising a computer readable medium storing instructions that, when executed by a processor-based system, if executed, enable [[a]] the processor-based system to:

determine characteristics of a client in order to select a selected probe routine from at least two available probe routines to transfer from server to client;  
transfer the selected probe routine from the server to the client; and  
enable the selected probe routine to determine the capabilities of the client and to provide information back to the server about those client capabilities.

10 (Previously Presented). The article of claim 9 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to transfer the selected probe routine over a wireless network.

11 (Previously Presented). The article of claim 9 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to transfer the selected probe routine over a wired network.

12 (Previously Presented). The article of claim 9 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to transfer the selected probe routine over a telephone network.

13 (Previously Presented). The article of claim 9 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to transfer the selected probe routine over a local area network.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

15 (Previously Presented). The article of claim 9 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to use classmark information to determine the capabilities of the client.

16 (Original). The article of claim 15 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to use the classmark information to select software to transfer from the server to the client.

17 (Previously Presented). A system comprising:  
a server;  
an interface coupled to the server to enable the server to transfer a probe routine to a plurality of clients;  
a storage coupled to the server, said storage storing software that includes instructions to receive information about characteristics of the client in order to select an appropriate probe routine to transfer from client to server; and transfer the selected probe routine from the server to the client, and enable the probe routine to determine the capabilities of the client and to provide information back to the server about those client capabilities.

18 (Original). The system of claim 17 including at least one client.

19 (Original). The system of claim 17 including a wireless link.

20 (Original). The system of claim 17 including a hard wired link between server and client.

21 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 17 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the server to transfer the selected probe routine over a telephone network.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

23 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 22 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the server to obtain classmark information from the client in order to determine a characteristic of a client to select an appropriate probe routine to transfer from server to client.

**Claim 24 (Canceled).**